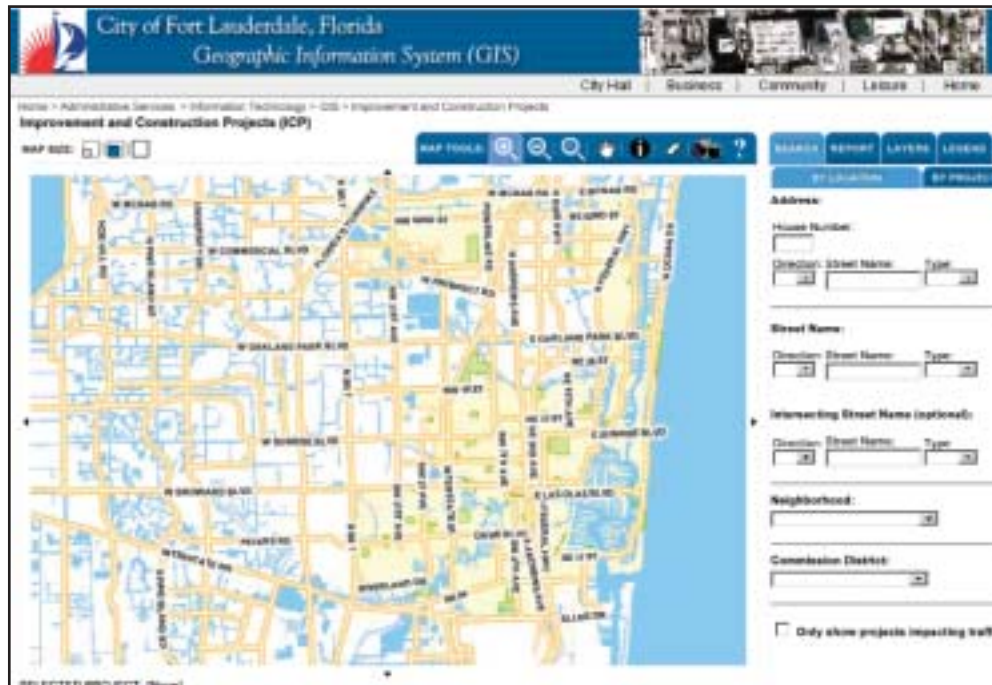


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The Value of Volunteering In Your City

The City of Fort Lauderdale is fortunate to have the help of its citizens who contribute countless hours for the betterment of our community.

An active citizenry is essential to a strong and healthy community. The role of active citizens is vital in formulating and implementing public policy.

As our City progresses and new community issues and needs are identified, it is important to maintain an active citizen participation level, improve accessibility, and create new partnerships.

Actively engaged citizens:

- 1- Gain knowledge of the projects and concerns in the community;
- 2- Make recommendations to the City Commission on policies, programs and projects;
- 3- Generate legitimacy and accounta-

bility in programs and services;

- 4- Serve a critical role in prioritizing issues that generate responsible growth;
- 5- Encourage other community members to become involved in the success of the City and their quality of life.

The City encourages citizen participation by televising Commission and advisory board meetings, promoting public hearings and forums, maintaining Fort Lauderdale Online and appointing advisory boards and citizen committees to make recommendations on various issues.

The City of Fort Lauderdale has 28 appointed boards that serve important roles in the City. Most function in an advisory capacity to the City Commission, but some administer City functions, such as the boards that oversee the City Pension Plans and the Code

Enforcement Board.

Advisory boards provide one of the mechanisms by which citizens can communicate information about interests, concerns and needs. Advisory Boards bring citizens together across sectors to identify common concerns and formulate solutions. They promote broader participation in the community, education, development and legal reform issues that affect our community and the daily lives of our residents.

To determine which advisory board is best for you, I invite you to log on to our website, www.fortlauderdale.gov, and learn about the focus of each advisory board, its purpose, term and qualifications for members. If you have additional questions, please call the City Clerk's office at (954) 828-5002.

City Seeks Input On ADA Accessibility Improvements

Citizens Asked To Identify ADA Accessibility Improvements To Sidewalks



The City of Fort Lauderdale invites citizens to identify and request accessibility improvements (for the disabled) to public sidewalks and intersections located within the City's jurisdiction and control.

The City will include such locations within a prioritized list of sidewalk and intersection locations that

require improvements to meet American's With Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.

For additional information, please contact Barbara Howell, Engineering Technician, at (954) 828-5734 or email Bhowell@fortlauderdale.gov. Barbara Howell is located on the 4th floor of City Hall at 100 N. Andrews Ave.

If you would like this publication in an alternate format (large print, audio tape), contact Leslie Backus at (954) 828-4747 or email lbackus@fortlauderdale.gov.

Acting City Manager's Message



Alan A. Silva Shaping A Stronger Future

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on the City of Fort Lauderdale and its financial position.

Since my arrival in September, I have been working with staff to make some tough decisions, prioritizing programs, and implementing revenue enhancements as well as cost-cutting measures - all toward shaping a stronger future for our City. As previously discussed, the City established a set of goals for the fall that addressed the financial challenges facing our City. To address the long term financial position of the City, I began working with staff in October to plan for and balance the FY2005 budget rather than waiting for the traditional timetable of late spring and early summer.

On December 16, 2003, the City Commission approved the budget amendment for the current year with the exception of the elimination of 30 public safety aides in the Police Department. To preserve these positions, the Commission

established an amnesty period in February for outstanding code fines. If the amnesty program generates \$550,000 more than the budget estimates for this revenue category, then the public safety aide positions will be retained. If not, further staff reductions will occur to keep the budget balanced. The budget amendment identifies \$12 million in savings that will ensure the FY2004 budget ends with a \$2 million working capital reserve as planned.

Staff is also looking into other methods of reducing costs, maximizing efficiency and maintaining quality services for residents, businesses and visitors. For example, the City of Fort Lauderdale purchases a variety of products and services from many vendors. In a gesture of true partnership with the City, a number of these businesses have reduced their prices by as much as 5 percent. The cost savings realized by these reductions will have a positive impact on the budget this

year and next year. In future issues, we will outline some of these cost savings.

Overtime costs in public safety have been an ongoing concern especially since September 11, 2001. I have tasked all departments with preparing overtime control plans. The results to date are dramatic, with a 61 percent reduction in overtime spending.

Also, in an effort to maximize technology, citizens can now sign up to receive Commission agenda notices electronically. To reduce printing and mailing costs, the City Clerk's Office will no longer send paper copies of the City Commission meeting agendas. Agendas for the City Commission Conference and Regular meetings are available on the City's website at www.fortlauderdale.gov/documents/agenda.htm the Friday prior to the meeting date. From this page, readers can click on webmaster@fortlauderdale.gov to sign up to receive an electronic agenda notice.

Channel 38 Repositioned

Comcast Cable subscribers will begin noticing a few changes to their cable lineup that will affect where they tune in to view City Commission meetings, favorite advisory board meetings and informational screens.

Over the next few months, Channel 38, the City of Fort Lauderdale public access channel, will be switched to Channel 78. Comcast reports that the change is part of their efforts to standardize their channel lineup.

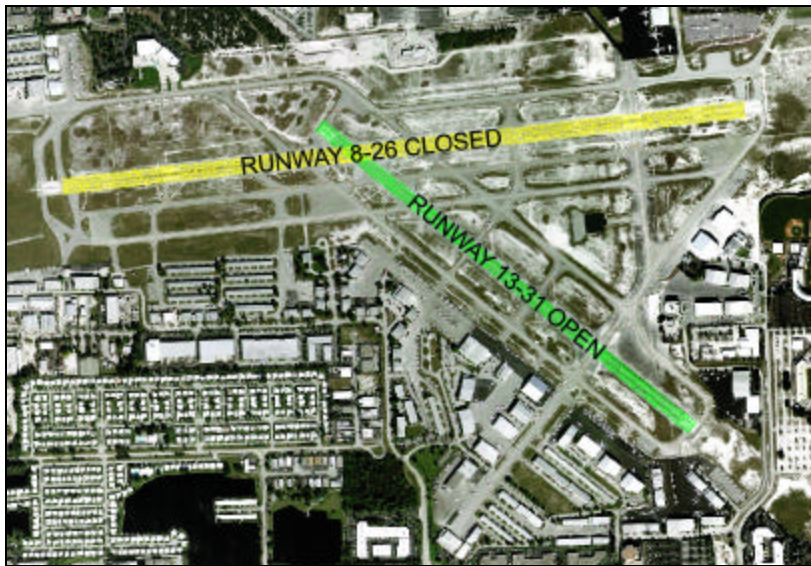
Comcast will notify individual subscribers as the changes take place through a variety of communication mediums including promotional messages, new channel guides and billing

inserts. The City of Fort Lauderdale has been working with Comcast the City's franchised cable operator, to provide enhanced services to our citizens.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Comcast at **1-800-568-1212**, or **(954) 252-1937** or via email by logging on to www.comcast.com.



Visit Fort Lauderdale Online at www.fortlauderdale.gov



Executive Airport Announces Runway Rehabilitation

Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, FXE, plans to rehabilitate its main east/west runway, Runway 8-26, this spring. The runway will undergo a series of repairs and will be completely resurfaced to better serve the aviation needs of our airport community.

Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. will oversee the project, which has an expected start date in May 2004.

Runway 8-26 will be closed around the clock for approximately 10 consecutive days during the rehabilitation process. Tenants surveyed at the Airport determined that a consecutive-day closure would cause the least impact on normal operations. A consecutive-day closure, as opposed to nightly closures, also shortens the project's timeframe and will decrease the impact on neighborhoods surrounding the airport.

Runway 13-31 will remain open, with the exception of one weekend, for the duration of the project. Please look for future updates on specific dates and times of runway closures later this spring.

Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport serves over 250,000 aircraft operations per year, currently making it the eighth busiest General Aviation airport in the country and the 61st busiest airport overall. Over 700 aircraft, including 115 jets and 37 helicopters, make Executive Airport their year-round home.



Special Homestead, Senior Exemption Sign-Up Sessions To Take Place At City Facilities

The City of Fort Lauderdale, in partnership with the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office will conduct special taxpayer sign-up sessions for the 2004 Homestead and Senior Exemptions at City Hall, the Beach Community Center and various homeowner and civic association meetings.

The Homestead Express mobile office will be available through the months of January and February. Deputy appraisers will assist taxpayers at the following locations:

- Beach Community Center
3351 NE 33rd St.
Feb. 13
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- City Hall 100 N. Andrews Ave.,
8th Floor Cafeteria
Feb. 20
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Fort Lauderdale High School
1600 NE 3rd Ave.
Feb. 26th
6 – 8 p.m.

To file a Homestead Exemption, the following documents are required :

- ✓ a recorded deed or tax bill in the applicant's name,
- ✓ a current Florida's driver's license or Florida identification card, and
- ✓ a current voter registration card or declaration of domicile.

Property owners who moved in 2003 must re-file in person. The Homestead Exemption is not transferable.

Qualified residents 65 years of age or older may qualify for the additional "Senior Exemption" - a second property tax exemption of up to \$25,000. Qualified seniors must have a total household adjusted gross annual income not to exceed \$21,599. Senior Exemption applications will only be taken after January 1st, 2004. The proof of income requirements include an annual tax return, IRS Form 4506 or SSA 1099. This exemption must be filed annually.

New Fort Lauderdale homeowners are entitled to save up to \$700.00 per year on property taxes simply by claiming their "Homestead Exemption". Qualified residents who are granted the additional senior homestead exemption may be eligible for further savings of approximately \$200.

For further information, or to schedule your Homeowners Association for a visit by the Homestead Express, contact our Community Services Deputy, **Bob Wolfe** at (954) 445-5732 or email: media@bcpa.net.

Code Fine Amnesty Program Begins February 2

City Looks to Raise \$550,000 to Save Jobs of 30 Public Safety Aides

The City of Fort Lauderdale is committed to working with citizens to preserve and improve all of our residential neighborhoods. We share the desire to maintain the quality of life throughout our neighborhoods and maintain property values.

The City of Fort Lauderdale will conduct a Code Fine Amnesty Program from February 2 - March 1, 2004 in an effort to collect delinquent code enforcement fines and liens from property owners. The goal of the program is to raise \$550,000 so that the City can retain 30 Public Safety Aide (PSA) positions.

During the amnesty period, eligible property owners will be able to settle their debts with the City by paying only 25 percent of the face value of the outstanding code enforcement fine or lien. Fines and liens that are eligible to be settled under the Code Fine Amnesty Program will include only those that meet the following two requirements:

- 1 - fines and liens that have been imposed by the Code Enforcement Board or Special Master; and
- 2 - fines and liens for which the violation has been corrected.

Fines and liens arising from lot clearing, board-up, demolition, water service and alarm response are not eligible under this program. Properties with outstanding code violations are also ineligible. However, owners of non-compliant properties that are brought into compliance during the amnesty period (February 2 - March 1, 2004) will qualify for the discounted rate if they meet the following requirements:

- 1 - correct all existing code violations to the property; and
- 2- have the property inspected by the City's Community Inspections Division to verify that the property is in compliance.

NOTE: If you feel that your property is in compliance but has not been inspected, please call the Community Inspections Division at **(954) 828-5207** to schedule an inspection to see if you qualify for this program.

Currently, there are approximately 1,300 residents who have corrected their property's code violations but still have outstanding debts with the City. Additionally, there are an estimated 650 citizens with non-compliant properties and outstanding fines or liens. The total amount of the outstanding fines and liens for both groups is more than \$73 million.

If the Code Fine Amnesty Program does not raise the necessary \$550,000, 30 PSAs will face the possibility of being laid off in early spring. The Public Safety Aides play an important role in the City's efforts to ensure the safety and protection of its resi-

dents and visitors. The PSAs currently handle approximately 20 percent of all calls for service. They perform a variety of duties in support of sworn police officers including preliminary investigations, investigations of automobile accidents, processing crime scenes for latent fingerprints and other physical evidence, and informing the community about City regulations and services related to numerous issues that affect the safety, security, health and well-being of citizens.

Property owners who think they may have fines or liens that are eligible to be settled under the Code Fine Amnesty Program are encouraged to contact the City's Community Inspections Division at **(954) 828-5207**.

Once the amnesty period ends, the 25 percent settlement option will no longer be available and the City will aggressively pursue all delinquent code enforcement fines and liens using every means available under the law including referring the debts to collection agencies and foreclosing on properties.

The City creates and enforces ordinances in an effort to maintain and preserve the appearance, health, safety and aesthetics of our neighborhoods. Code enforcement is a function of local government that citizens consider important for accomplishing community goals such as protecting property values and the environment. Community Inspections is committed to enforcing these regulations in order to maintain our neighborhoods, protect property and property rights and preserve the quality of life for your residents.

The Code Fine Amnesty Program has been established as February 2 - March 1, 2004.

Payments may be made in person at the following location:

**Community Inspections Division
300 N.W. 1st Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**

**Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Acceptable methods of payment

**Cash
Credit Card
Cashier's Check
Money Order
Personal Check**

**Made payable to:
City of Fort Lauderdale**

Payments may also be mailed to
**City of Fort Lauderdale
Community Inspections Division
300 N.W. 1st Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**

Payments that are mailed must be received by the Community Inspections Division no later than March 1, 2004. Payments made in person must be made no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 1, 2004.

If you have any questions about the Code Fine Amnesty Program, please contact the City of Fort Lauderdale Community Inspections Division at (954) 828-5207 or log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov.

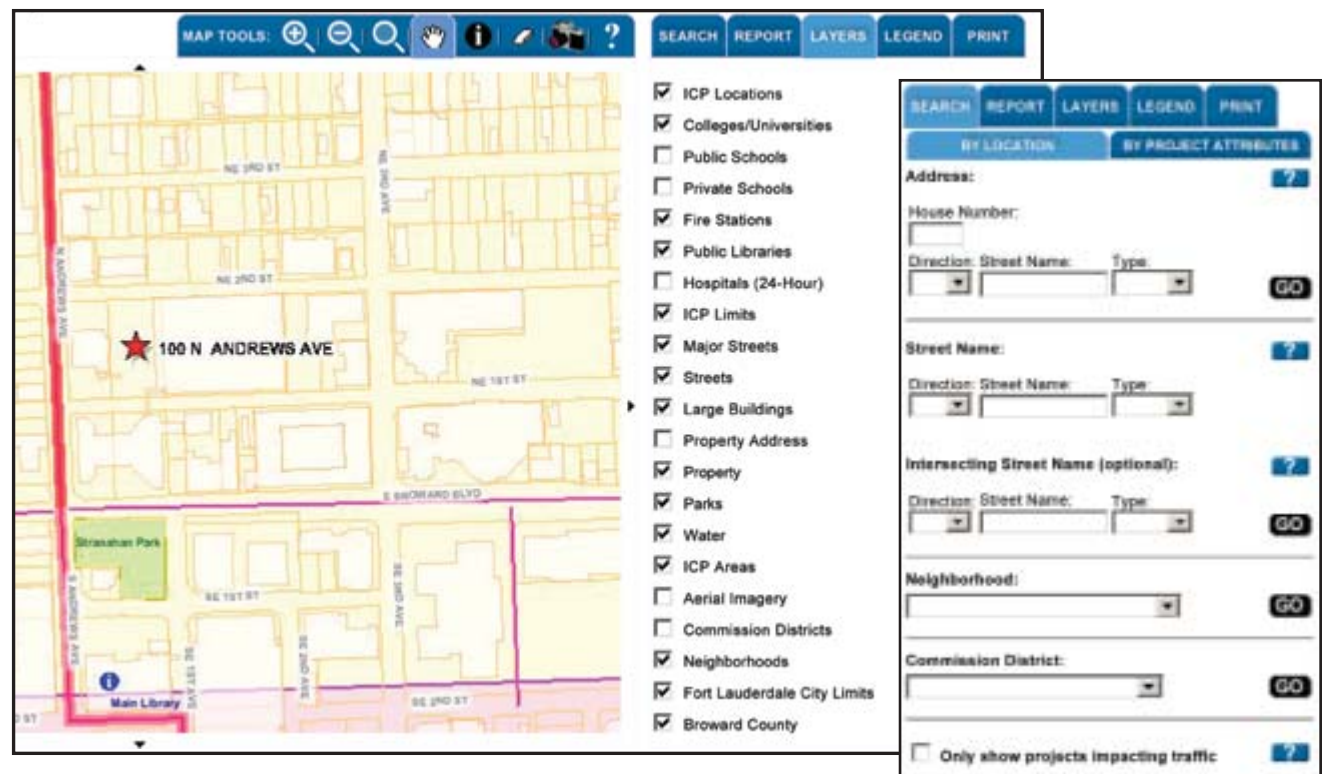
New @ Fort Lauderdale Online

*Explore community projects
online with new
Geographic Information System
application.*

Need information about a neighborhood project? Not sure if a particular street project is going to eventually include a road closure? Perhaps you need to locate the project manager leading a specific improvement project in your community. Accessing and tracking this information is now at the fingertips of Fort Lauderdale Online users with the implementation of a new application on www.fortlauderdale.gov.

The Improvement and Construction Projects (ICP) Locator is a link on the City's Geographic Information System web-pages that provides users the ability to quickly and easily access information and maps on construction-related projects. ICP Locator users can access projected start and finish dates, contact information, the agency responsible for the project, the funding source, whether the project has the potential for traffic impact and more. ICP Locator users can search for projects by address, street name, intersection, neighborhood and Commission district. The application also allows users to integrate the location of various landmarks such as local schools, fire stations, large buildings, colleges and universities into the final map for viewing. Projects listed on the ICP Locator application have a value of at least \$10,000. The different types of projects available for viewing include WaterWorks 2011 projects, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Improvements, beautification projects, buildings/facility improvements, marine facility improvements, parks improvements, street and roadway improvements, and utility improvements.

The application is an excellent resource to increase public



awareness about community projects and enhance communication efforts among City staff and the community, said **Paul Bohlander**, P.E. Assistant Utilities Services Director.

The ICP Locator is utilized by City staff as a starting point for planning and inter-departmental coordination of projects, said **Ian Wint**, GIS Coordinator. The application has the potential for enhancing future project coordination efforts with external agencies such as the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Broward County Engineering Department, and utility providers such as FPL and Bellsouth.

To utilize this application, follow these steps:

- 1 - Log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov/gis/
- 2 - Click on the **Create Maps and Queries** link
- 3 - Click on the **Improvement and Construction Projects Locator** link.
- 4 - Read the Disclaimer and click on the Start button to begin using the application.



Activities In Abundance For Active Adults At Bass Park

Bass Park is bursting with programs for the active adult. From early morning Stretch and Swim classes, to card games for both the professionals or novice players - there is something for everyone.

Bass Park is located at 2750 N.W. 19th Street. For further information on the following programs or others, please contact Tommy Hall at **(954) 828-8498** or Barbara Barber at **(954) 828-8945**.

The Stretch and Swim class has received rave reviews from participants for its remarkable therapeutic benefits. The handicap accessible swimming pool at Bass Park is heated to a warm 86 degrees and is just what the doctor ordered to soothe aching joints in sufferers of arthritis and bursitis.

I was plagued with arthritis pain in my knees, said Theresa Brown, a faithful participant. Within 2 weeks, the pain disappeared and I've lost a couple of pounds!

Being at Bass Pool has helped me overcome my fear of the water. With patience and kindness the coaches at Bass Pool helped me achieve a lifelong goal, said Erwin Waters.

The Early Bird Stretch & Swim classes are offered Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Cost is free.

The Keenagers are a great group of retirees who enjoy weekly parties, trips, and other activities. It is a great way to socialize and get to know the community. Keenagers meet Mondays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost for an 11 week session of Keeneagers is \$10.

It's a wonderful opportunity to join old and new friends for some good old-fashioned fun and fellowship, said Rosetta Watkins. Since retirement I have enjoyed the program. It's a 10+ on a scale of 1 to 10.



Whether you have never picked up a deck of cards or you're a polished bridge player, Card Sharks is the place to be. Card Sharks meet on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$1 week.

Get Your Tickets Now!

Orioles Spring Training Season Opens Against World Champion Marlins

Baltimore Orioles spring training tickets are selling quickly at Fort Lauderdale Stadium, located off I-95 and Commercial Boulevard. The Birds return to South Florida beginning February 21 with practice sessions open to the general public at no charge.

2004 Home games begin March 4 when the Orioles take on the World Champion Florida Marlins at 1:05 p.m. and again on March 10 at 1:05 p.m., March 27 at 7:05 p.m. and March 31 at 1:05 p.m. The Orioles will again offer the Starlite Diner Senior Discount Days. Seniors, ages 60 and over, may purchase a reserved grandstand seat for \$5 for all weekday afternoon games. Advance purchase is required. Holy Cross Hospital Seniors Run the Bases Day is Tuesday, March 30th and Arby's will sponsor Kids Run The Bases on March 6. Kids (ages 14 and under) will take to the basepaths following the game against the Montreal Expos. The Batter's Box is on deck to host the annual Little League Day on Sunday, March 21st. To sign up your Little Leaguer to join the parade of teams, call **(954) 776-1921**. For information on all of these events, season tickets, group sales and to reserve the Orioles skybox, call the Orioles Spring Training Line at **(954) 776-1921**. The box office is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through February 13, and open seven days a week February 16 - March 31.



2004 Spring Training Home Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
March 4	Florida	1:05 p.m.
March 6	Montreal	1:05 p.m.
March 8	Los Angeles	1:05 p.m.
March 10	Florida	1:05 p.m.
March 13	NY Mets	1:05 p.m.
March 15	NY Mets	1:05 p.m.
March 17	Houston	1:05 p.m.
March 19	Los Angeles	1:05 p.m.
March 21	Boston	1:05 p.m.
March 23	Montreal	1:05 p.m.
March 25	St. Louis	1:05 p.m.
March 27	Florida	7:05 p.m.
March 30	St. Louis	1:05 p.m.
March 31	Florida	1:05 p.m.

Step Up to the Plate

Your ticket to the annual charity breakfast, co-hosted by the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Baltimore Orioles, includes a hot buffet breakfast, photo opportunities with the Orioles mascot and an on-field autograph session with Orioles players. Benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward, the event will take place on Sunday, February 29, 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., at Fort Lauderdale Stadium. To order tickets, call the Orioles Spring Training Line at **(954) 776-1921**.



The Revitalization Of Our City Parks

Parks Bond Offers More Out Of Life To Thousands With New Parks and New Programs

In November 1996, voters approved a \$35 million bond to improve existing parks and purchase land for the development of new parks. The project list included 33 parks of all sizes. Combined with additional grants and community partnerships, the Parks Bond made it possible to fund nearly \$50 million in projects and enhancements. The bond had a direct positive impact on the number of programs and services that are currently serving thousands of citizens.

The growing number of children, adults and seniors getting more out of life at the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department is now overwhelming. New state-of-the-art playgrounds, pools, ballfields and community centers are serving the diverse recreational needs of more citizens. Park improvements, including safety features, nature trails and streetscapes, have enhanced the quality of life at existing facilities. The city's tree canopy has taken new shape with the planting of 2000 trees throughout the City.

"Our goal is to provide citizens and visitors the best sports, recreational facilities and programs we can," said **Vince Gizzi**, Special Facilities Superintendent. "It's about positively impacting the economy and quality of life, improve health and prevent crime."

Through an extensive community involvement process that surveyed the leisure needs of the community, facilities were built and renovations were made. While a few parks are currently under construction, the City now has 88 parks totaling more than 972 acres of parks and recreation facilities. Here is a quick summary of some projects completed to date.

New Parks & Facilities

Beach Community Center, located on the northeast quadrant of the City, serves residents of all ages with a 12,500 square foot facility that offers variety of recreational programs. Facility amenities include a spacious social hall with a catering kitchen; a meeting room equipped with dividers for transformation into two classrooms; a computer room equipped with 12 stations and internet access; an aerobic fitness room; a locker room and outdoor sitting area. An additional 120 adult programs and 16 youth programs were added to the list of Parks and Recreation offerings last year as a result of this new facility. More than 5,000 citizens participated. Youth programs offered range from art to keyboarding. The Little Artists and the Wiggle Jiggle programs offered last summer attracted more than 500 youth with half-day drop-in programs featuring arts and music.

More than 4,000 adults participated in Yoga, Tai Chi, Chair Yoga and Body Sculpting in the new aerobic room. Visitors to the Center also participated in a variety of foreign language classes, computer classes and floral design workshops. A variety of special events also took place.

Civic People's Park serves the residents of the southwestern area of the City as a passive park located at Riverland Road and SR 441. Amenities include a playground that is defined by a heart-shaped border and two large open greenspace areas connected through meandering pathways. There is an oversized pavilion, plenty of picnic tables and barbecue grills for gatherings. A unique feature of this park is the variety of rare flowering trees used in combination with tall Coconut Palms and native selections adding an exotic touch to the park.

The new water playground at **Croissant Park** made a huge splash among children. The unique 2,300 square-foot amenity offers parents the opportunity to acclimate small children to water. A truly unique addition to the City's amenities, this state of the art feature is a favorite among parents and children. A new 5,000 square foot community center was also constructed featuring a mini-gym with a non-regulation, size basketball court and a large movable partition that can separate the mini-gym into two rooms for recreation programming. Last summer, a new camp program enrolled more than 100 children. The center provided the capability to offer a new licensed after school program, FLASH, that is currently serving 85 children. Since last fall, the basketball program has serviced more than 200 children and the spring micro soccer program, a first for the area, serviced 222 children last year. The current soccer program has 200 new participants.

Earl Lifshey Ocean Access Park, named in honor of Fort Lauderdale's 1996 Citizen of the Year, is a 1.3-acre ocean side park just south of the Galt Mile. A paved circular driveway that serves as a vehicle-friendly drop off area leads to a beautifully landscaped walkway taking beachgoers to the ocean. The nature walkway is lined with native plants, bicycle racks and benches. The park also serves as an outdoor environmental classroom - with educational signage about the native trees and plants that are a part of the landscape; beach pollution prevention; and information about the ocean.

Lauderdale Manors Park was enhanced with an upgraded playground, a larger lap pool, a new state-of-the-art water playground and new community center replacing a smaller facility.





Imperial Point Park was the first facility built under the bond. It serves Imperial Point and surrounding neighborhoods. The wheelchair accessible park

offers children a variety of colorful state-of-the-art playground equipment, lush landscaped trees and bushes and a refurbished fitness course.

Residents of Palm Aire Village initiated the purchase of a 3.2 acre parcel to fill the void of park space in the northwest corridor of the City. **Palm Aire Village Park** features two regulation size basketball courts, a large multi-purpose field, outdoor racquetball courts and a sand volleyball court. It offers a shaded pavilion for birthday parties, community gatherings and reunions. A large playground is surrounded by a wall where parents can sit and enjoy watching their children play. Visitors can enjoy the walking/jogging trail set around one of the last native sand pine communities in Broward County. Picnic tables and benches are scattered throughout the park offering shaded areas for families to enjoy.

Residents surrounding **Middle River Terrace Park** enjoy a new 4-acre park featuring a covered pavilion, picnic tables, a storage room for sports equipment, sturdy fitness and exercise equipment, a walking/jogging trail, and acres of greenspace landscaped with plenty of trees planted by the neighborhood association to provide shade.

Parks Bond Enhancements

The Parks Bond also provided major improvements and enhancements at more than 25 parks.

* **Annie Beck Park** - received a boat launch for kayaks and canoes, developed a parking area and made landscaping improvements.

* The purchase of property adjacent to **Bass Park** symbolized the progress of an improved quality of life for the children, youth and adults in the surrounding neighborhoods. Upon the demolition of the existing building on that parcel on N.W. 27th Ave. and 19th Street, Bass Park expanded to make way for greenspace and parking. Construction doubled the size of the Andrew DeGraffenreidt Center as well as resurfaced the pool deck. The center, used by all ages for a variety of activities, offers the community a 2,000 square foot facility for after school programs, summer camps, homeowner association meetings and weddings, karate, dance and cooking classes.



* **Colee Hammock Park**, a 1.1 acre park, located along the New River underwent a total renovation. Newly installed

antique design lighting fixtures complement a cobblestone path that winds through the sabal hammocks graced with comfortable benches and matching waste receptacles. The parking area was also enhanced. A hardwood hammock with over 20 different native species lines the east and west perimeters of the park. In keeping with City xeriscape principles, the new foliage was hand-picked by City staff to ensure that little maintenance would be required.

* **Floyd Hull Stadium** got a new look with the relocation of the t-ball fields, new turf, back stop and fencing.

* **Greenfield Park** doubled in size with the purchase of adjacent land, the addition of new playground equipment and the relocation of the public utilities.

* At **Guthrie-Blake Park**, a \$50,000 project to replace playground equipment was completed less than a year after the parks bond was approved. The surrounding community of Melrose Manors was very instrumental in working with staff to meet the needs of the community.

* **Holiday Park Phase I, II and III** provided the park with an additional entrance on Sunrise Boulevard, an additional 300-parking spaces, a new bicycle/jogging path replacing the existing one along the perimeter of the road, a roller hockey facility, two basketball courts, and two major sports facilities - the Joe Wenger Sports Complex adjacent to the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center and the Holiday Park Baseball Complex. The Joe Wenger Sports Complex is a multi-purpose ballfield including upgraded soccer and football fields, a new concession building and press box. The complex was dedicated in November 1998. The Holiday Park Baseball Complex, dedicated in March 2001 was transformed by replacing the aged baseball fields and open play areas with three little league fields, two t-ball fields, a big league field and a senior league field. A large state-of-the-art concession stand and parking area serves players and visitors. As the third addition to Holiday Park, two new permanent roller hockey rinks were added complete with scoreboard and lighting for nighttime games. In addition, the facility features stadium seating, restroom facilities and a covered area for players.



* At **Warfield Park**, the historic community center doubled in size making it possible to increase the number of children reached and programs provided. Currently there are nearly 100 children enrolled in the after school program. More than 1,000 children have participated in a variety of programs including Karate, Dream Dance, Teen Time and Rugby, t-ball, basketball, boxing, soccer and other cultural and special events.

The success of the Parks Bond is due to the input of active citizens, many sports leagues and partnering agencies who worked together on each of the projects. Additionally, the dedicated group of individuals who volunteer their time as part of the General Obligation Bond Issues Committee ensure that the progress of the bond continues.

For more information on other parks bond projects, log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov/parksrec/bond/.



Get CERT-ified

Next Community Emergency Response Training Class Begins Feb. 7

How prepared are you if a disaster strikes?

Local government prepares for everyday emergencies. However, there are emergencies and disasters that can overwhelm the community's immediate response capability.

By becoming CERT trained under the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department's Community Emergency Response Team Program, a life could be saved in the aftermath of a disaster. CERT provides citizens with training on basic emergency assistance that can greatly improve survival chances through a free eight-week course. CERT topics include fire suppression, patient evaluation and basic first aid, treatment of life-threatening injuries, search and rescue and pre and post disaster CERT operations.

The next CERT class, free to Fort Lauderdale residents begins Feb. 11. The class meets from 7 p.m. to 9:30 on Wednesday evenings at the Fire-Rescue Training Bureau, located at 2000 NE 16th Street. To register for the course, please call **(954) 828-6800** or email jjohnson@fortlauderdale.gov. There are 35 seats available for the upcoming course and reservations are being accepted on a first-come first serve basis.

The primary reason for CERT training is to give people the decision-making and physical skills to offer immediate assistance to family members, neighbors, and associates. While people will respond to others in need without the training, the goal of the CERT program is to help them do so effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger.

Change Your Clocks Change Your Batteries

The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department would like to remind citizens to change the batteries in all smoke detectors in their home when changing your clocks this April 4 for daylight savings time.

Smoke detectors are one of the first lines of defense against a fire. According to the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA), a smoke detector can cut the risk of dying in a home fire nearly in half. But a smoke detector can't save your life if it isn't working. Ideally, a smoke detector should be installed on each level of a home.

If smoke detectors in your home are more than 10 years old, NFPA and the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department recommends replacing them. Aging smoke detectors don't operate as efficiently and often are the source for nuisance alarms. Older smoke detectors are estimated to have a 30 percent probability of failure within the first 10 years.

Most smoke detectors provide a test button you may use to test the unit periodically to ensure proper operation. Smoke detectors should be tested monthly. Most smoke detectors provide an audible indication when the batteries become weak.



City to Launch SmartPark In-Car Parking Meter

A new in-car parking meter that's sure to take the hassle out of carrying loose change is in the works. The City of Fort Lauderdale Parking Services Division is in the process of launching SmartPark, a small pocket calculator-size electronic device with a smartcard. The device and smart card, which has already drawn a waiting list of interested consumers, will be available after Monday, February 16. The Parking Services Division asks that you check the city's website (www.fortlauderdale.gov) or call the Parking Customer Service office at **(954) 828-3700** to ensure availability.

The initial one-time refundable deposit for the SmartPark unit is \$55, and customers must purchase the SmartCard for \$10. The SmartCard, shown on the left, is loaded with a prepaid amount. Customers can preload the SmartCard in increments of \$25, \$50, \$75 and \$100. The SmartPark is then placed inside the vehicle and displays the parking time purchased. Additional funds can be added to the smartcards in \$25 increments.

This in-car parking device may be used at most single space parking meters, municipal parking lots and municipal garages in Fort Lauderdale.



SmartPark makes parking easy.

Community Forum III Set For East CAP Area on Feb. 27

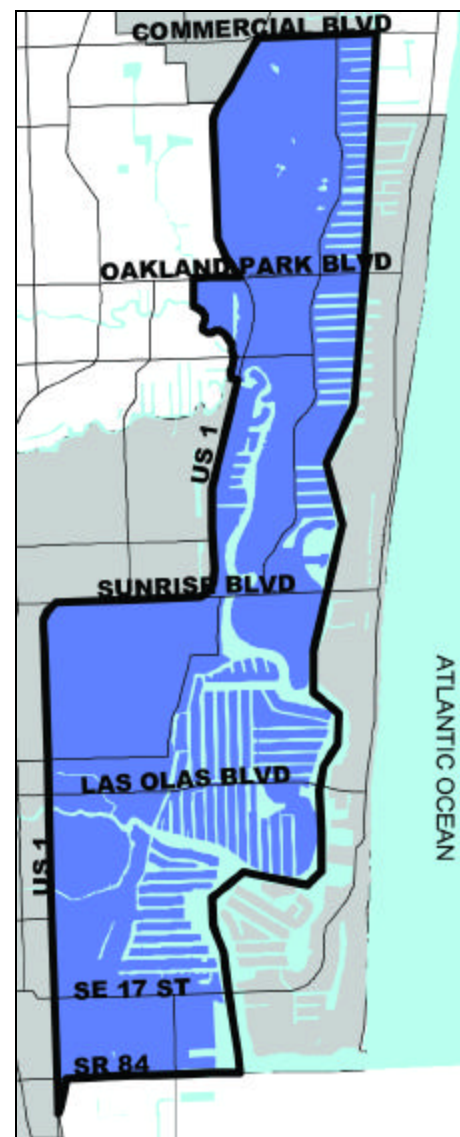
The City of Fort Lauderdale will host Community Forum III for the East CAP Area on Friday, February 27. The open house presentation will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Park Social Center located at 800 N.E. 8th Street across from the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center. Parking is complimentary.

Community Forum III is open to residents, property owners and business owners who are interested in learning about the proposed vision and goals for the City's East CAP Area. The area includes 20 neighborhood associations in Districts 1, 2 and 4. The neighborhood associations included in the East CAP Area are Bal Harbour, Beverly Heights, Colee Hammock, Coral Ridge, Coral Ridge Country Club Estates, Coral Shores, Harbordale, Hendricks and Venice Isles, Idlewyld, Las Olas Isles, Lauderdale Harbours, LauderGate Isles, Nurmi Isles, Rio Vista, Riviera Isles, Seven Isles, Sunrise Intracoastal, Sunrise Key and Victoria Park. The success of the Community Area Planning initiative (CAP) ultimately depends upon substantial input from those who live and work in the area.

The community forum will provide citizens with an opportunity to review and comment on several goals developed for the East CAP Area by the Community Leadership Committee (CLC) in partnership with City staff. Some of these include:

1. Improve the image of major corridors and gateways.
2. Resolve parking conflicts between competing commercial and residential uses.
3. Preserve neighborhood character through compatible land use and design.
4. Prohibit solicitors from street intersections.
5. Expand private and public transportation options and amenities.
6. Reduce cut-through traffic in residential neighborhoods, and improve traffic flow on major arterials.
7. Create a comprehensive open space system.
8. Preserve, retain, and expand new opportunities for the marine industry and related uses.
9. Address civic apathy and reduce distrust of the government.
10. Develop a unified vision for the East CAP Area.

The goals are based on public input obtained at earlier CAP meetings. Once accepted by the community, the goals will be presented to the Fort Lauderdale City Commission for approval. To RSVP for the meeting, please call (954) 828-8980 or email your response to cap@fortlauderdale.gov.



The East CAP Area is generally bounded by SR84 on the South, the Intracoastal Waterway on the East, Commercial Boulevard on the North, and Federal Highway on the West.



The Bank of America Plaza at Las Olas City Centre, 401 E Las Olas Blvd., was a 2003 winner in the Commercial High Rise - New Construction Category.

City To Recognize Stellar Properties of 2003

Some of the city's most appealing properties will be highlighted at the 26th Annual Community Appearance Awards on Friday, May 14.

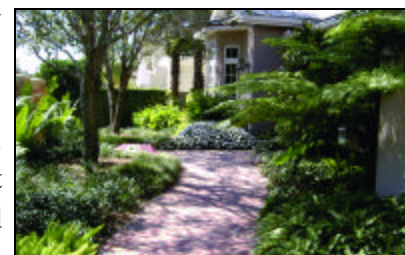
The event will take place at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center located at 2650 Sistrunk Blvd. A cocktail reception will begin at 6 pm. followed by the awards ceremony at 7 p.m.

Property owners, civic groups, homeowner associations, contractors, builders and architects who submit new construction and renovation projects will vie for a bronze plaque and

the title of Community Appearance Award. The Community Appearance Awards recognize projects in a variety of categories that include waterfront, parks and recreation, commercial, multifamily residential, single family residential, landscape/garden, special projects and retail.

Ticket prices for the event are \$20 when purchased in advance and \$25 if purchased the evening of the event.

For additional information or to become a sponsor for the awards program, please call (954) 828-4741.



The Carson Residence was a 2003 winner in the Residential Landscape/Garden Category



Register Your Alarm System - It's The Law

The number of false alarms that regularly take place in the City of Fort Lauderdale is overwhelming and the result is a cost to taxpayers of millions of dollars while keeping police officers away from other crime prevention efforts.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department responds to more than 165,000 calls for service each year. Of those numbers police officers are dispatched to more than 30,000 alarm responses. Nearly 63 percent of all alarm calls are either accidental or the result of a malfunction. Furthermore, approximately 18 percent of those false alarms are cancelled by the alarm monitoring company or resident although an officer has already been dispatched to the location. When properly used, alarm systems are an effective tool for crime prevention, however, the excessive high false alarm rate reduces overall effectiveness and places a greater burden on public safety.

Recently, the City Commission approved amendments to the Alarm Registration Ordinance. Under the amended ordinance, it is the responsibility of all alarm owners, residential and non-residential, to register their alarm system by January 31st of each year. The initial registration fee for an alarm is \$50 with an annual renewal fee of \$25. The ordinance also requires alarm monitoring companies to provide customer information on a regular basis to the police department detailing which properties have recently installed an alarm.

Beginning February 1st, residents and businesses not registered their alarms will be in violation of the Alarm Registration Ordinance and are subject to stiff penalties.

Alarm registration forms are available online by logging on to the City's website (www.fortlauderdale.gov), then clicking on the "Quick Links" hyperlink on the right of the page, and selecting "Alarm Registration" from the options. Individuals can also call the Alarm Unit at **(954) 828-5611**. Registrations can also be obtained at the Police Department located at 1300 W. Broward Blvd.

The City is currently working on providing the ability to register and pay fees online with a tentative start date in April. For additional updates, log on to the City of Fort Lauderdale website (www.fortlauderdale.gov).

Fees and Requirements

- Initial Registration fee for an alarm is \$50
- Annual renewal fee by January 31st is \$25
- Registrations are effective January 1 through December 31 of each calendar
- False alarm services fees are as follows:
 - * There is no charge for the first two false alarms within a 12-month period.
 - * A service fee of \$50 will be levied for each police response to the same residential premise in excess of two times within any 12-month period.
 - * A service fee of \$100 will be levied for each police response to the same non-residential premise in excess of two times within any 12-month period.

Tips To Prevent False Alarms

- Make sure that all doors, windows & other protection points are secured.
- Develop a routine for turning your alarm system on and off so you don't overlook necessary steps.
- Make sure anyone who is permitted access to your alarm system is trained on how to properly use the system. Review the operation with them periodically. Carefully watch new employees or others the first few times.
- Follow all instructions furnished by your alarm company for use, maintenance, service and repairs.
- Test the alarm system regularly. Your alarm company will show you how to conduct such a test.

Mark Your Calendars

Citizens Crime Alert of Fort Lauderdale, Inc. is a resource for citizens to gain information about public safety. The group meets on the first Monday of each month with the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department. The meetings are held on the 8th floor of City Hall located at 100 N. Andrews Ave.

Mark your calendars for the next series of Citizens Crime Alert of Fort Lauderdale, Inc meetings.

Monday, March 1

Speaker: Representative from the Special Investigations Division
Topic: Street level Prostitution

Monday, April 5

Speaker & Topic
K-9 Drug Dog and handlers.

For additional information, or to become involved, contact Pat Mayers at **(954) 763-7863** and leave your name and number, or attend a meeting and bring applications to your neighbors.

Neighborhood Groups Conduct Recycling Efforts, Reap Rewards

For those neighborhood associations that conducted loads of recycling efforts in 2003, there was a nice chunk of change waiting for them in 2004.

The City of Fort Lauderdale recognized 11 neighborhood associations and awarded a total of \$17,316 in Recycling Incentive Grants in January.



Residents of all ages took part in promoting recycling at events.

Each year, the City of Fort Lauderdale promotes the Recycling Incentives Grants to provide neighborhood groups with the opportunity to raise cash in exchange for conducting recycling efforts throughout the year. To be eligible, neighborhood groups must be active members of the City's Recycle Corps and promote recycling throughout the year in various ways. Since 1991, Recycle Corps members have carried out a mission of encouraging residents in the city to recycle. During the bimonthly meetings, citizens learn about new recycling initiatives as well as new products to encourage recycling.

During the 2004 Recycling Incentive Grant period neighborhood groups conducted such efforts as incorporating recycling articles into their neighborhood newsletters, and conducting recycling drives throughout their neighborhoods, at community events and local schools.

"The Recycling Incentive Grant program is a partnership between the City and the neighborhoods," said **Casey Eckels**, City of Fort Lauderdale Recycling Coordinator. "We need help



Residents conducted a variety of recycling efforts including can drives, community clean-ups and magazine collections.

promoting recycling as widely as possible, and communities need ways to generate some funding for special projects."

Recycling saves \$85 disposal costs on every ton diverted through recycling. Recycling also has the universal benefits of reducing pollution, saving energy and protecting natural resources.

The winning neighborhoods and their cash awards are:

Poinciana Park	- \$3,328.00
Tarpon River	- \$2,496.00
South Middle River Civic Association	- \$1,612.00
Victoria Park	- \$1,560.00
River Oaks	- \$1,508.00
Coral Ridge Isles	- \$1,456.00
Sunset	- \$1,404.00
Croissant Park	- \$1,248.00
The Landings	- \$1,144.00
Poinsettia Heights	\$832.00
Coral Ridge	\$728.00

For information, call Casey Eckels, Recycling Coordinator at **(954) 828-5577** or email at ceckels@fortlauderdale.gov.

Residents Urged To Support Their Local Schools In Recycling Drive

Residents of a single family homes, multi-family dwellings, businesses and community groups are encouraged to donate unwanted magazines and catalogues to their local public or private schools. Seventeen Fort Lauderdale schools have signed up to take part in the Magazine/Catalogue Recycling Program hosted by the City of Fort Lauderdale. Schools have until Friday,



March 12th to collect as many magazines and catalogues to turn in for cash. Participating Fort Lauderdale schools will be financially rewarded based on the tons of old magazines and catalogues collected. The top three schools generating the most tonnage will also receive a bonus check.

Registered schools recycling for the contest are listed below:

- Bayview Elementary - 1175 Middle River Dr.
- Bennett Elementary - 1755 N.E. 14th St.
- Croissant Park Elementary -- 1800 S.W. 4th Ave.
- Fort Lauderdale Christian School - 6330 N.W. 31st Ave.

- Fort Lauderdale Seventh-Day Adventist School - 3013 N.W. 11th St.
- Harbordale Elementary - 900 S.E. 15th St.
- Lauderdale Manors Elementary - 1400 N.W. 14th Ct.
- NorthFork Elementary - 101 N.E. 15th Ave.
- Pine Crest Preparatory School - 1501 N.E. 62nd St
- Southwest Christian Academy - 1100 S.W. 21st St
- St. Jerome Catholic School - 2601 S.W. 9th Ave.
- Stephen Foster Elementary- 3471 S.W. 22nd St.
- Stranahan High School - 1800 S.W. 5th Pl.
- Sunrise Middle School - 1750 N.E. 14th St.
- Thurgood Marshall Elementary - 800 N.W. 13th St.
- Trinity Lutheran School - 110 S.W. 11th St.
- Virginia Shuman Young Elementary School - 101 N.E. 11th Ave.

For additional information about the Magazine/Catalogue Recycling Program, please contact Casey Eckels, City Recycling Coordinator, at **(954) 828-5577** or email ceckels@fortlauderdale.gov.

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Sistrunk Historical Parade & Festival Set for Feb. 7

Around

The Sistrunk Historical Parade Celebration & Festivities themed "Raising Expectations in our Community" will celebrate African-American and Caribbean Culture with a parade and festival on February 7. The parade starts at 9 a.m. at the New Mount Olive Baptist Church at the corner of Northwest Ninth Avenue and Fourth Street in Fort Lauderdale, marches along Sistrunk Boulevard west to Reverend Samuel Delevoe Park at 2550 Sistrunk Boulevard. A festival will follow until 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens ages 13 to 17 and free for children ages 12 and under. For more information, call (954) 467-5466.

Supervised After-School Care Is A SNAP

The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for S.N.A.P. (Supervised Neighborhood After-school Program) at Bass and Lauderdale Manors Parks. Qualified staff provide enriching activities including arts and crafts, sports, music and dance. Staff is also available to assist children with daily homework assignments. S.N.A.P. hours are Monday - Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The cost for Fort Lauderdale residents whose children are on free or reduced lunch is \$50 for the entire school year. Non-residents and non free lunch students pay \$200. All children grades 1st - 6th are welcome. For more information, contact Barbara Barber at (954) 828-8945.

Snyder Park Nature Exploration Series

Hike, fish and go boating at the Snyder Park Exploration Program. Expert speakers will teach you about bird watching, wildlife endangerment and native plant identification, while focusing on the natural beauty and excitement of Snyder Park. It's fun and educational for all ages. Nature exploration takes place on the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until noon. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 to 12, and \$2 for groups of four or more. Children under the age of 5 are free. Snyder Park is located at 3299 S.W. 4th Ave. For more information, call (954) 828-4585. The upcoming scheduled topics include:

Feb. 14 - Camping & Hiking

March 13 - Fishing

April 10 - Plants & Animals



Dine and Dance

Dine and dance the night away at the Beach Community Center on March 11. Enjoy a delicious buffet style Italian dinner beginning at 6 p.m. as you listen to a live band. Then, dance the night away until 10 p.m. The cost is \$16 per person. Paid reservations are required by February 20, 2004. For more information, call the Beach Community Center at (954) 828-4610. The Beach Community Center is located at 3351 NE 33rd Ave., one block north west of A-1-A and one block north of Oakland Park Boulevard.



Learn, Play Bridge

Play Bridge with one of the largest Club's in North America. The Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, located in Holiday Park, offers a wide variety of games for all levels of play. Duplicate Bridge Masterpoint games take place Monday through Saturday at 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 1 p.m. Social Bridge is offered Monday and Thursday at 12 p.m. and on Saturday at 12:15 p.m. Games are \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members. Lunch and dinner are available prior to games for a small donation. Bridge lessons are offered for all levels of play. For more information, please call the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club at (954) 761-1577.

City to Host Row, Paddle & Surf Ski Race

The 2004 2nd Annual Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue Gene Bergman 10 Mile Row, Paddle & Surf Ski will take place on February 20th on Fort Lauderdale Beach. More than 40 men and women from all over the country, including Ocean City, Maryland and Wildwood, New Jersey are scheduled to compete. The race will start at noon behind the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex in the Intracoastal Waterway at 501 Seabreeze Blvd. Complete entry forms and a \$25 entry fee must be provided. Contact James McCrady at (954) 828-4577 or email JMcCrady@fortlauderdale.gov for entry forms.

Bonnet House Hours Expanded



Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, located at 900 North Birch Rd., has expanded its tour hours through April 2004. Bonnet House will now be open Tuesday through Sunday.

Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon until 4 p.m. For more information on Bonnet House Museum & Gardens including tour hours and the calendar of events call (954) 563-5393 or go to www.bonnethouse.org.

Note: While we make every effort to include timely information, circumstances occasionally force changes to events listed. Please call the numbers listed prior to attending. Additionally, current events may cause delays in mail delivery of this publication. Should you receive this publication after an event has occurred please accept our apologies.



14th Annual SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch Offers More To Do, See

On any given first Sunday of the month, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., one can always find sun, fun, food and five stages of great music at the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch.



This concert series takes place in the heart of Downtown Fort Lauderdale along Fort Lauderdale's most scenic backdrop - the New River.

Five stages of entertainment are set along the banks of the New River on the Riverwalk beginning in the courtyard of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts at Esplanade Park, and continuing to Las Olas Riverfront just east of the railroad tracks. Admission and entertainment are FREE! Each month, there is plenty to see, hear and do as this year's schedule will deliver more music, contests, prizes and activities for the family to enjoy. Vendors and area restaurants offer plenty of food for purchase.



Ample parking is available for a fee at the City Parking Garage at SE 1st Avenue and SE 2nd Street and the Performing Arts Center Garage at SW 5th Avenue and SW 2nd Street.

The SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch is a success story built from a great relationship between the City of Fort Lauderdale and its title sponsor SunTrust Bank. For more information, log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov/festivals.

Stage Performances

March 7

Esplanade Stage - Ruby Baker Band
BCPA Arts Peck Stage - Jeff Prine & Juanita Dixon
Connie Hoffman Gazebo - Peter Betan
Rotary Gazebo - Dolph Castellano
Las Olas Riverfront Stage- Aztec Jazz Quintet

April 4

Esplanade Stage - Little Big Horns
BCPA Arts Peck Stage - Omar Mesa Trio
Connie Hoffman Gazebo - The Tony Sona Trio
Rotary Gazebo - Kay Bova
Las Olas Riverfront Stage - Bourbon Street Jazz Quartet



May 2

Esplanade Stage - Billy Marcus
BCPA Arts Peck Stage - Miami Saxophone Quartet
Connie Hoffman Stage - David Feder & Salauga Azul
Rotary Gazebo - Gail Robin
Las Olas Riverfront Stage - Cheryl Fisher Quartet

June 6

Esplanade Stage - Eugene Grey & Company
BCPA Arts Peck Stage - Mel Dancy and the Melting Pot
Connie Hoffman - Cous Cous
Las Olas Riverfront Stage - Piæa Colada Latin Jazz

July 4

Esplanade Stage - Gary King
BCPA Arts Peck Stage - Universal Records Recording Artist
Negroni's Trio
Connie Hoffman Stage - Karen Shane Quartet
Las Olas Riverfront Stage - Prime Time Jazz Trio

August 1

Esplanade Stage - Frank Hubbell's Jazz Band
BCPA Arts Peck Stage - Abbey Rader & John McNinn Duo
Connie Hoffman Stage - Javi Schneider Duo
Rotary Gazebo - Darryl - The Flute Man
Las Olas Riverfront Stage- Samargia Jazz Trio

September 5

Esplanade Stage - Duffy Jackson Sextet
BCPA Arts Peck Stage - FIU Jazz Quartet
Connie Hoffman Stage - Steve B & Friends
Rotary Gazebo - Phil Fest & Terezinha Valois
Las Olas Riverfront Stage - Mike Bianco Jazz Trio

October 3

Esplanade Stage- Paul Berman and Victory Band
BCPA Arts Peck Stage - Arturo Fuerte
Connie Hoffman Stage - Phil Magallanes
Rotary Gazebo - Cindy Curtis and Company
Las Olas Riverfront Stage - SA Brazilian Jazz Quartet

November 7

Esplanade Stage - Johnny James aka Dr. J
BCPA Arts Peck Stage - Richard Brookens and Yellow Bell
Connie Hoffman Stage - Nancy Hartline
Rotary Gazebo - Joe Davidian
Las Olas Riverfront Stage - Grupo Contreras Quartet

December 5 - Tribute to African Jazz

Esplanade Stage - George Tandy
BCPA Arts Peck Stage - jazzjones
Connie Hoffman Stage - Laura Sue and Orquestra Nightingale
Rotary Gazebo - Zeebee
Las Olas Riverfront - Debra Hampton Jazz Quintet

Visit Fort Lauderdale Online at www.fortlauderdale.gov

Access To Flood Information, Protection At Your Fingertips

For most residents, their home and its contents represent their greatest investment. While hurricane preparations are a vital part of our coastal concerns, it is important to consider adequate property protection from other natural disasters that occur year round.

The City of Fort Lauderdale enjoys the beauty of its waterways, but these waterways may also leave us vulnerable to many other types of natural disasters such as flooding. While the City of Fort Lauderdale has been spared the massive, prolonged flooding which has affected many other parts of the United States, the possibilities still exist. Because most of Fort Lauderdale is either surrounded by, or in close proximity to a variety of waterways, there is a strong possibility that your property may be in danger of flooding. Some examples of flooding in our area may include the overflow of coastal or inland waters; or the sudden and unusual accumulation of runoff or surface water due to heavy rainfall.

That is why it is important to know that **standard homeowners policies do not cover flood damage. It is also important to know that protection is available.**

You can contact your agent for flood insurance. If your agent does not write flood insurance or you don't have an agent, you may call the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) toll free number to obtain the name of an agent in your area who does write flood insurance. The number is **1-888-FLOOD29** or **TDD# 1-800-427-5593**. Federally backed flood insurance is also available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) established by congress in 1968. The NFIP offers reasonably priced flood insurance to protect homeowners, business owners and renters. Municipalities, like the City of Fort Lauderdale, that participate in programs on flood safety and protection, can pass on additional discounts on those federal-backed premiums.

Is your property at risk of incurring flood damage? If you are not certain, this is one piece of information that could prove to be devastating to your financial and home security should a flood occur and you are not adequately prepared.

To Access Your Flood Zone Information

The City maintains a floodplain map that can help you identify where your property lies in relation to the City's flood zone boundaries and flood

elevation levels. The flood zone map is accessible by visiting the Construction Services Bureau, located at 300 N.W. 1st Ave. The Bureau can also be reached by calling **(954) 828-5203** or **(954) 828-3266**.

Property owners can also access the flood zone from the City's website by following these steps:

- 1 - log on to **www.fortlauderdale.gov/gis/**
- 2 - select the **Create Maps and Queries** menu item located at the right of the page,
- 3 - select the **Parcel Information Reporter** hyperlink
- 4- select the **Disclaimer** button
- 5 - enter the property address in the form provided
- 6 - Select **Go**

NOTE:

A report will generate various layers including FEMA Flood Information.

If the FEMA Flood Information does not automatically show in the report, click on the **Layers** tab and select **F E M A Panel** and **F E M A Zones** to activate this information.

The screenshot displays the GIS application interface. On the left is a map showing several parcels outlined in yellow, with some labeled with red numbers like 117, 118, 121, 201, and 205. On the right is a 'Location Information' report for a specific parcel. The report includes fields for Parcel ID, Folio Number, Property Address, First Owner, Second Owner, Owner Address, City Commissioner, Neighborhood Association, City Police District, Garbage Pickup Days, Yardwaste Pickup Day, Recycling Pickup Day, Bulk Trash Pickup, City Zoning Category, Hurricane Evacuation, and FEMA Flood Information. The 'FEMA Flood Information' field is highlighted with a yellow circle and shows 'Zone AE, with a flood elevation of 7 in panel number 12011C0218 F'.

Location Information	
Parcel ID:	0210012070
Folio Number:	504210012070
Property Address:	100 N ANDREWS AVE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301
First Owner:	CITY OF FT LAUDERDALE
Second Owner:	% CITY TREASURER
Owner Address:	100 N ANDREWS AVE, FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33302
City Commissioner:	Commissioner Cindi Hutchinson in district 4
Neighborhood Association:	Parcel not within an official neighborhood association.
City Police District:	District 2
Garbage Pickup Days:	Wednesday/Saturday
Yardwaste Pickup Day:	Wednesday
Recycling Pickup Day:	Wednesday
Bulk Trash Pickup:	Every 2nd Thursday of the month.
City Zoning Category:	RAC-CC
Hurricane Evacuation:	Location not within a designated hurricane evacuation area
FEMA Flood Information	Zone AE, with a flood elevation of 7 in panel number 12011C0218 F

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